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FOR SPEIGEL FROM MOOSE

E.O. 11652: GDS

SUBJECT: FY 1978 BUDGET

1. FOLLOWING ARE THE FINAL DECISIONS BY THE PRESIDENT ON
THE FY 1978 BUDGET:

- MILITARY ASSISTANCE: RETAIN INDONESIA AND THAILAND
PROGRAMS WITHOUT CHANGE.

- HUMAN RIGHTS: REDUCE THE ARGENTINA FMS PROGRAM BY
\$15 MILLION, OR ONE-HALF, AND ELIMINATE THE FMS PROGRAM
FOR URUGUAY (\$2.5 MILLION) ON HUMAN RIGHTS GROUNDS,
AS WE RECOMMENDED.

- UNDP: INCREASE US CONTRIBUTION BY \$20 MILLION TO A
NEW TOTAL OF \$130 MILLION.

- UN UNIVERSITY: INCLUDE A \$10 MILLION US CONTRIBUTION.

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- SUPPORTING ASSISTANCE:

- REDUCE THE PROGRAM FOR SOUTHERN AFRICA FROM \$175
MILLION TO \$135 MILLION;

- INCLUDE \$10 MILLION VICE \$31.5 MILLION FOR A NEW

PROGRAM FOR JAMAICA.

- STATE DEPARTMENT: INCLUDE AS PART OF 1978 BUDGET AMENDMENT AN FY 1977 SUPPLEMENTAL FOR 94 POSITIONS (41 AMERICAN AND 53 FOREIGN) AND \$34.9 MILLION. FOR FY 1978 INCREASE BY THE SAME NUMBER OF POSITIONS AND \$7.6 MILLION. THIS WAS OUR REQUEST WITHOUT CHANGE.

2. YOU WILL RECALL THAT WE REQUESTED CHANGES IN THE 1979 AUTHORIZATION LEVELS FOR CERTAIN ELEMENTS OF THE AID PROGRAM. THE DECISIONS BEFORE THE PRESIDENT THUS FAR HAVE DEALT ONLY WITH FY 1978 BUDGET MATTERS, THEREFORE HIS ISSUE HAS NOT BEEN ADDRESSED AS YET. IT WILL BE A SUBJECT FOR DECISION IN THE CONTEXT OF THE AUTHORIZATION LEGISLATION AND OMB WILL BE PREPARING A DECISION MEMORANDUM FOR THAT PURPOSE OVER THE NEXT WEEK OR TWO. WE HAVE MADE OUR POSITION CLEAR BOTH TO OMB AND THE PRESIDENT, AND WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW DEVELOPMENTS CLOSELY.
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